HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name:

2. Historic name:

3. Street or rural address: 7440 Church Street
   City: Gilroy        Zip: 95020        County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900736

5. Present Owner: Mrs. Lawrence Cullen
   Address: 7456 Church
   City: Gilroy        Zip: 95020
   Ownership is: Private

6. Present Use: Residence
   Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Pioneer - Gothic Revival

7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original appearance:

   This cross gable structure is one and one half stories tall. The very high gable peaks are box framed and undecorated. A low pitched roof covers the porch. The gable of the porch roof is filled with the wide horizontal board that covers the structure. The porch, supported on square posts has a low sheathed wall and is altered modification. Windows are balanced with the entry door in the center. A low shed extension is added to the rear. This is a very classic form of the stripped Gothic Revival structures of the late 1870's.

8. Construction date: Estimated 1875 Factual

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage: 50
    Depth: 150
    or approx. acreage:

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
4. Alterations: __________

5. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: __________

6. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: __________


IGNIFICANCE

8. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

There is little known about this house. The fire maps indicate that it has been on the lot since before 1886. There was a series of early tenement or worker houses on this block dating from 1870. Owners have been William J. Connor in 1870, and S. A. Salisbury in 1887, George Millias in 1926, and Lawrence Cullen in or before 1939. Each of these men appear to have invested in this house and adjoining property but not to have lived here. Lawrence Cullen was given this property in partnership after his father's death. The structure is significant as a remnant of the early worker's cottages that occupied land in this area.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister
Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

Assessment rolls

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